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The Supplemental Declaration confirms various remarks presented in the amendment filed with the RCE.

As noted in a telephone discussion with the Examiner it is believed that, upon approval of the Declaration provided herewith, examination of the application on its merits is in order.

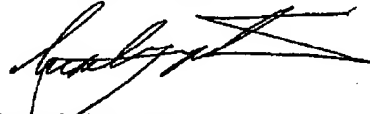
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The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if any questions should arise with respect to the accompanying Declaration.

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1. Submission of Supplemental Declaration (2 pages); and
2. Supplemental Declaration by Inventor (4 pages).

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